

Council on Aging Board Meeting
August 11, 2004

In Attendance:

Chairman Paul Keegan, Vice-Chairman Helene Tanenholtz, Board members Al Crommett, Lillian Goodman, Tim Swiss, and Secretary John Concordia. Director Sharon Yager was also present. Board member Helen McLaughlin was excused.

1. Chairman's Comments:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10:05 am. Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and accepted by the board. Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed, changes accepted and approved.

New staff members—Elaine Baskin, volunteer coordinator and Walter Rice outreach coordinator were noted and Walter was invited to present a report on his background and activity of the first month on the job. The board was favorably impressed with his work to date and the cooperative spirit between the two new staff members.

2. Director's Comments:

Sharon indicated that the status of Formula grant funds is unchanged. She presented her plan for initial use of the new van---it operates as needed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. So far the operation has been within budget plans. She estimates that each hour of operation will cost about \$1,000.00 year, which should be acceptable.

3. Liaison Reports:

CMAA—no report

Friends of the SCC, Inc.: Helene reported that the Friends are planning to purchase a number of Pedometers for sale at the Health Fair in October. They are also collaborating with Parks&Rec.in planning a walking trail from the senior center to the ballparks on Maple Ave.

Shrews. Comm. Part./Children: Dolores informed us that she has resigned from their board and will no longer be at our meetings.

Elder Services, Worc./Out reach: Walter has been in touch and plans to attend their first meeting of the year in September.

4. Old Business:

2004 Health Fair Update: Publicity for the day is under way—the program details are in place and the budget is balanced so far.

Bocce Dedication: The affair went off smoothly with Karen Polito participating. League play has begun on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ask the Manager Show: Held on July 12th before a “live” audience—at least 2!

Kitchen: Sharon reported that the dishwasher/oven questions have been resolved with Bob Cox’s help. She also reported that Cheryl—the nutrition site manager would be leaving in 2 weeks—personal reasons demanded that she take a full time job. She will be working at the high school. The board was unanimous in its praise of her performance here.

5. New Business:

Meals on Wheels: Paul reported that we have been experiencing some difficulty in covering the 3 routes because of drivers’ availability. He suggested that we should have some “back-up” help or insist that drivers be notified that job requires a 5 day/week commitment.

He also reported that the Age Center in Worcester has 4 vendors bidding for the new contract to provide food for the nutrition program. Some new equipment/food packaging approaches will hopefully improve the quality of the program. September 1st is the expected date of the new contract award.

MCOA Fall Conference: This will be held in Burlington in October. Sharon presented the board members with a preliminary program.

*Respectively submitted,
John Concordia, Secretary*